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President Petitioned to Review Policy on Federal Obscenity Prosecutions

The White House



A formal procedure is underway to make the President aware of the lack of federal enforcement of the existing obscenity statutes and to request him to direct the Department of Justice to change its restrictive policies in order to allow the 95 U.S. Attorneys, the FBI, Customs, and the Postal Inspectors to investigate and prosecute the multi-million dollar traffic in pornography. The first step in the protocol was a meeting at the White House Old Executive Office Building on July 27, 1982. Fifty representatives of numerous public service groups, media and religious organizations, corporations, and research and legal foundations were invited by Mr. Morton Blackwell, Special Assistant to the President for Public Liason. Representatives of the Justice Department, FBI, Customs, the Postal Service, and several members of the President's staff were present.

Father Morton Hill, founder and President of Morality in Media, moderated the meeting and set the agenda for the discussions. He introduced a panel of veteran professionals who have been active in obscenity law enforcement to give their opinion to the assembled group and Administration officials on the scope of the problem and some practical solutions. Dr. Victor Cline, a psychologist and expert prosecution witness, reminded all that pornography has pathological effects on its viewers and contributes to abuse and sex crimes. Mr. Homer Young was one of the FBI's top organized crime and obscenity investigators for thirty years and made the statement that the federal agencies could break down the pornography syndicates in eighteen months with a serious effort. Mr. Larry Parrish, former Assistant U.S. Attorney in Memphis, described how the FBI uncovered the national conspiracy to make and distribute "Deep Throat" and how his office obtained federal convictions against the major figures involved. His success was the biggest federal case prior to MIPORN and shows that the legal battle can be won. Mr. Paul McGeady, General Counsel of Morality in Media and a knowledgeable expert on obscenity cases and statutes, exposed the Justice Department's written policy of forbidding the federal agencies and prosecutors from bringing any cases unless child porn or organized crime leaders are directly involved. This means that hard-core pornography is being imported, mailed, and shipped between states

without interference by the federal government. Mr. McGeady gave the figures for the number of cases under the federal obscenity laws in recent years: In 1978, only two dozen convictions were obtained in the whole country, 13 of which were child porn. In 1979 and 1980, one dozen pornographers were convicted and eight child pornographers nationwide. In 1981, nine child porn and nine major pornography defendants were convicted. The porn distributors' convicted in the last two years were basically involved in only two cases, one in Boston and the MIPORN cases in Miami. To say that only 32 pornographers involved in the billion dollar national porn market were convicted in the last four and half years by federal prosecutors is proof that the federal government's inaction has given the green light to the hard-core obscenity industry in America. The only thing that is holding the line at all is the effort of state and local authorities, where the vast majority of obscenity prosecutions are taking place.

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Regional Obscenity Conference

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Sept. 16 and 17, 1982
Details inside.

CDL's General Counsel, Bruce Taylor, presented intelligence information from the FBI and Justice Department's own reports, backed up by reports by the police departments of most of America's big cities, that organized crime figures are involved with the "adult" porn syndicates. It was pointed out from experience that the change in the problem from a few hard-core outlets in big city back alleys ten years ago to "adult" bookstores and theaters and live sex shows in nearly every city, suburb, and town in every state today prove the result of the federal government's "hands off" policy. The problem is now too big for local cities to control alone. The federal government must assist in a nationwide effort by all the law enforcement agencies to stop this powerful porn industry and prevent the further growth of porn, prostitution, drugs, loansharking, bribery, and violence which has resulted from this situation.

Distinguished representatives next were called upon to state the concerns of their organizations, congregations, constituents, and supporters over the explosion of pornography and the need for decisive action.

Representing the Justice Department, Mr. Jonathan Rose, Assistant Attorney General, promised that the message of the meeting would be taken back to the Honorable William French Smith, United States Attorney General, and further promised that the policies of the Justice Department relating to obscenity cases would be reviewed. In order to support the good intentions of the present Justice Department, the participants made a motion that a meeting with President Reagan and Attorney General Smith be arranged. A resolution was made to take the concerns of the members, and a Statement signed by all present, directly to the President so he will know

without a question how serious the problem has become, and that he must direct the Department of Justice, the FBI, the Postal Inspectors, and the Customs Agents to stop the importing, interstate shipment, mailing, and broadcasting of hard core obscenity.

The next step in the protocol procedure is for the White House staff to submit the results of this Meeting to the President's Advisory Council on Legal Policy, which in turn will make a recommendation to the President. The President will then consider the matter and make a decision.

The decision sought by the Meeting was to have the Attorney General direct the Justice Department to allow approval of prosecutions by the U.S. Attorneys and Strike Forces on violations of all federal obscenity statutes. Restricting approval only to child porn, organized crime or major distributors leaves thousands of violations of the mails, customs, and ITOM (Interstate Transportation of Obscene Material) statutes. It is hoped that U.S. Attorneys who wish to proceed against local pornographers and distributors, or individual schemes involving hard-core pornography or particularly offensive materials, would deter violations by the vast number of less powerful pornographers and their associates and conspirators. A change in the policy to subject all pornographers to possible actions would remove the ability and willingness of pornographers to make, distribute, and show hard-core materials without fear of prosecution anywhere in the country as long as they don't get caught with "kiddie" porn. The change in policy would be its own deterrent and would free the hands of those agents, inspectors, and investigators who uncover violations

that their local U.S. Attorney wishes to prosecute. We need this involvement by the federal government. Their strength and leadership will bolster the efforts of city police and prosecutors and put the fear of the law back into this blatantly criminal industry. CDL will work hard to assist the government in any efforts undertaken and only the best could come from such a change in federal policy.

Petition the President

The following page is a petition addressed to the President of the United States. The petition reflects the Statement of the Meeting in Washington, D.C. We are asking our subscribers to remove or copy the petition and circulate it in your community. It would be important to obtain the signatures from your community leaders; Mayor and council, law enforcement personnel, civic leaders, church leaders and members, the business community, and your neighbors.

After you have obtained all the signatures you can, send it back to us and we will forward the petitions to President Reagan.



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Attn: Petitions

Petition to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States

WHEREAS, the proliferation of obscenity in the United States has reached a level of national concern and is directly affecting the quality of life, the moral fabric of the country, and the right and obligation of the government to maintain a decent society, and

WHEREAS, it has become increasingly apparent that enforcement of existing federal obscenity laws during the previous years has been wholly inadequate, and

WHEREAS, federal law enforcement with respect to such laws must be made more aggressive and effective,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the United States be requested to publicly indicate that prosecution of the federal laws relating to the Mailing, Importing, Broadcasting and Interstate Transportation of Obscenity is to him a matter of utmost importance, and to direct the Attorney General to issue instructions to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and all United States Attorneys to make this matter of prime concern.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that such instructions authorize and encourage all United States Attorneys to institute criminal proceedings of violations of such laws brought to their attention by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Postal Service and United States Customs.

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AFAA Targets CDL

CDL was described as a serious threat to the porn industry at the annual convention of the Adult Film Association of America in New York. The AFAA is made up of the nation's hard and soft core pornography producers — the porn industry's attempt to act criminally but look legitimate. Two articles exposed the platform and concerns of the convention and show the brazen confidence with which the pornographers conspire to violate federal, state, and local obscenity laws.

Michael Gallagher of the U.S. Catholic Conference Department of Communication wrote an article for **The Tidings** paper in Los Angeles entitled, "Adult Films Going Straight Into Homes via Cable" on May 21, 1982, in which he stated:

THE FIVE-MEMBER AFAA Legal Advisory Board, which includes "some of the foremost First Amendment attorneys nationwide" (names available on request), took up the problems of film piracy - they're going to set up a piracy hotline - and the even more vexing problem of doing battle with the Citizens for Decency through Law, who seem to have no respect for the right of these honest tradesmen to earn a decent living through the distribution of their wares.

The entertainment industry trade paper, **Variety**, ran a story on March 10, 1982, entitled "Adult Pix Eye Cable Boom, Legal Gloom," which quoted several of the AFAA's lawyers who were complaining of the increasing numbers of zoning and public nuisance laws, and the success of prosecutions in eliminating porn books and movies from Atlanta and Jacksonville.

Variety also exposed the porn syndicates' efforts to capture a "broadening market base in homevideo and cable TV" with a "higher grade" soft-porn product. The AFAA also announced plans for an "attorneys hotline", and a "War Chest" to oppose CDL and support political candidates and legislation in favor of legitimizing pornography. It was obvious that the AFAA did not appreciate the works of CDL, as stated in the article:

"Five years ago, you could still depend on the ignorance and inexperience of local prosecutors to win you cases," attorney Robert Smith told a lunchtime legal seminar, arguing that privately financed computer banks and traveling batteries of attorneys from the moral watchdog group Citizens for Decency through Law have reversed that situation in a big way. Hence, the move to form an organized lobbying and legal info body, which in a sense would become the adult film biz's battling counterpart to the CDL.

Let's hope we can continue to have this effect on the porn producers and their traveling group of defense lawyers. However, we now know it's going to be serious business and the enemy has armored itself for major offensives.

Pornography Kills

It is called "autoerotic asphyxia". The Coroner of the State of New York says that deaths attributed to it are increasing.

What is it? It is an accidental death, not suicide. It is a type of masochism where masturbation is practiced while hanging oneself "almost" to the point of blackout.

There are many pornographic magazines which describe how the act is to be performed. However, pornographers don't mention that only 4.4 pounds of pressure on the carotid artery for 8 seconds will cause a person to involuntarily submit to unconsciousness. Once unconscious, the person can't stand up, and will die unless someone releases the pressure immediately.

Robert Davis, a 13-year-old youth from upstate New York, died last month. His body was found hanging from a tree in a wooded area near his home. According to newspaper accounts, the local sheriff stated that the boy died experimenting with bondage positions which were depicted in **Penthouse**, **Hustler** and **Playboy**. The sheriff stated that several of these magazines were strewn around the body.

Two other youths, one 13 and one 12, died in the same manner and in the same general location within the last six months. We know of similar deaths in Michigan, California, and other places.

What a waste. What would have happened had those "magazines" not been available? Is the money and wealth gained from the sale of such filth worth the lives of these children and the many others we never hear about?

Supreme Court Upholds Child Porn Laws

In its most important decision for children in its history, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the New York child porn statute. On July 2nd, the Court decided **New York v. Ferber**, and held that the law could prohibit the distribution of films and photographs of minors engaging in sexual conduct or lewd exhibition of the genitals. This was a major departure from "adult" pornography cases in that the Court said such depictions of child sex did not have to be proven legally obscene under its three-part "Miller Test".

The briefs filed with the Court were exceptional. The Court accepted the positions of the N.Y. District Attorney and Father Ritter's Covenant House that only the strongest deterrent possible can help stop the devastating psychological and physical results on the children, and the legal argument of Charles Keating and CDL that child porn is so vile that it is "obscene per se" and utterly without First Amendment protection.

Laws banning outright all pornographic photos of children exist in 19 states besides New York. The federal statutes and many other states ban only "obscene" child pornography. These laws should be changed to adopt the New York model and also provide a separate and higher felony penalty where the child porn is also "obscene". The Court's opinion identifies the laws of all the states and is published in Volume 50 of U.S. Law Week, page 5077, available in most libraries and law libraries or CDL will gladly supply a copy on request.

CDL Testifies Before New York Crime Commission

The New York Select Committee on Crime heard testimony July 26 and 27th from law enforcement officers into the problems and solutions associated with child pornography and sexual exploitation, with emphasis on organized crime and on the growing use of young boys in prostitution and pornography.

The witness list is an impressive array of seasoned veterans with first hand knowledge of these monstrous problems. Testifying on the influence of organized crime and Mafia figures on the porn and sex industries were Det. Carl Shoffler and Det. Anne Fisher of the Organized Crime Branch of the Metropolitan Police of Washington, D.C.. Det. Shoffler is one of the

most knowledgeable officers in the country on organized crime's involvement with pornography production and distribution and coordinates a nationwide clearinghouse of intelligence information for the police departments of most of America's metropolitan cities. CDL's Bruce Taylor also testified on the involvement of organized crime and on the structure and inter-connections within the nationwide pornography syndicates. Taylor also presented specific proposals for strengthening New York's obscenity and child porn statutes and gave advice on prosecution tactics for controlling the porn and child abuse problem. It is Taylor's opinion that to effectively deter the use of children, law enforcement must continue to prosecute the "adult" porn figures and prostitution at all levels. Only through concentrated state and federal enforcement can the flow of funds and market for new "talent" be prevented from spilling from narcotics, gambling, bribery, prostitution, and pornography onto child porn and child slavery and prostitution.

An undercover investigator also told how Mafia-run call-boy services in New York and D.C. have sold information on political and business "clients" to foreign intelligence agencies, including the Soviets. The Committee also heard from the New York City Police, U.S. Customs, and prosecutors from local county and city offices on the investigative and judicial problems in enforcing the existing statutes. Also testifying were Sgt. Tom Rogers of the Indianapolis Police Department, a recognized expert on the nationwide problems of child pornography and child prostitution, and from Dr. Samuel Janus, a psychotherapist with experience and knowledge on child sexual abuse and author of **The Death of Innocence**.

The Crime Commission is made up of State Senators Marino, Bernstein, Johnson, and Babbush. Jeremiah McKenna is the Committee's General Counsel. This Committee is probably the foremost investigative crime commission in the country and has become a preeminent source of information on criminal conduct, reform of criminal laws, and on organized crime and foreign influences.

Regional Obscenity Conference to be held in Pittsburgh

On September 16th and 17th, a Regional Obscenity Conference is being held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Conference is being sponsored by the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Pornography. CDL's legal counsel Faye Gardner has been working closely with the sponsor leaders to help make the Conference the most informative event for community and governmental leaders since the National Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, last year.

On Thursday evening, September 16th, Father Bruce Ritter, the Director of Covenant House in New York City, is scheduled to give a major address to the Conference. Covenant house is a licensed, non-profit child care agency which specializes in helping the sexually abused teenage runaways who have been exploited by New York City's sex industry and was instrumental in the landmark decision by the United States Supreme Court in the child pornography case against Ira Ferber in New York.

On Friday, September 17th, workshops will be conducted in the morning, the afternoon, and for those unable to attend the day sessions, an evening session. The numerous workshop topics are separately directed toward citizens, law enforcement officials, and legislators. The faculty will include such nationally recognized experts as David H. Blutworth, State Attorney of Florida, who successfully used the Florida RICO statute against the organized criminal activity of the pornographers; George Weaver, Assistant Solicitor General of Atlanta, Georgia, who assisted in prosecuting and closing all the Atlanta pornography outlets, and Dr. Blaine McLaughlin, Senior Psychiatrist of The Psychiatric Institute of Fort Worth, Texas, who is an authority on the harmful effects of pornography.

The Conference fee is only \$15.00 for both day sessions. The evening session fee is only \$5.00.

If you would like more information about attending the Conference, please call the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation at (412) 281-3752 or write the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Pornography, P.O. Box 14510, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15234.

Hope to see you there.

Pre-Conference Activities in Pittsburgh

In June, the Pittsburgh Press Club was the site of two important meetings to lay the foundation for the September Regional Obscenity Conference. On June 17th, religious leaders from throughout Western Pennsylvania met to hear Marvin Fein, Assistant City Solicitor of Pittsburgh, and CDL's legal counsel Faye Gardner to discuss what they could do to support the September Conference and the fight against sexual exploitation. Mr. Fein spoke about his successes using Pittsburgh's

public Nuisance ordinance against pornography outlets. Mrs. Gardner's speech included information on the control by organized crime of the pornography industry nationwide and the importance of taking action in Pennsylvania to combat the sexual victimization that is pornography.

Present at a meeting on June 18th were prominent businessmen from major corporations headquartered in Pittsburgh, and public officials such as prosecutors and legislators. They heard speeches by Mr. Fein, Mrs. Gardner, and Donald Lewis, the District Attorney for Crawford County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Lewis talked about his successful efforts in prosecuting the pornographers in Crawford County. The meeting attendees, with suggestions from the speakers, discussed what their role should be in assisting their local law enforcement agencies.

CDL applauds these public spirited individuals for their sense of community and their efforts to work together in combating the harms flowing from the pornography industry.

Fort Wayne Wins Major Trial

In what is becoming a major defensive tactic of the porn industry, Fort Wayne, Indiana, was the site of a recent obscenity trial where experienced attorneys from other states and hired "sexologists" tried to overwhelm local communities and frustrate law enforcement. The effort failed for the pornographers on July 15th when the jury returned a Verdict of Guilty of distributing an obscene film, "Cruising". The two day trial involving the male homosexual film sold to an undercover police officer was an expensive and desperate attempt to reverse the series of convictions gathered in the County Court over

the past two years. Deputy Prosecutor Mark Chambers and CDL's Bruce Taylor were opposed by Baltimore defense lawyer Burton Sandler, his assistants, and a local Fort Wayne defense attorney. (Previous trials were defended by the office of Atlanta porn attorney Robert Eugene Smith who is an advisor to the Adult Film Association and an active lawyer for the porn industry nationwide.)

Crucial to the defense was the request by Mr. Sandler to have the film judged by the standards of the homosexual community, rather than the adult community as a whole. Veteran Judge Robert Meyers rejected this request and had the jurors apply the standards of Allen County's whole population. The jury could understand their own community standards and said the hard-core sodomy film was obscene under Indiana law.

The "battle of experts" was an important part of the defense strategy, but advance preparation by the prosecutors prevented the impact the pornographers hoped for. Three self-proclaimed "sexologists" from San Francisco, Theodore McIlvanna, Wardell Pomeroy, and Loretta Haroian, tried to convince the jury that pornographic films are normal and contribute to healthy sexual attitudes, even in homosexuals. At their own Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality, these three people view, make, and store hundreds of hard-core porn films and books and grant themselves and others their "degree" of "Doctor of Sexology". The Hedonistic philosophy these people gave to the jury was admirably rebutted by Dr. James Spink, a psychologist with the Family Counseling Clinic who was called by the prosecutors to testify. This was his first obscenity trial and his testimony was unknown to the State as well as the defense.

However, trusting in the decency and common sense of a dedicated professional with academic credentials of the highest level from some of the best universities in America and abroad proved to be the bombshell that destroyed the enemy. Dr. Spink refuted the anything-goes evidence of the porn-biased sexologists and told the jury the truth: that porn does appeal to a prurient interest and is harmful to stable sexual and family relationships. He stressed respect for people as human beings, rather than as pieces of meat, and the jury obviously agreed with him.

This trial proves the need and worth of CDL's experience and assistance. The familiarity of our lawyers with the defense tactics of these travelling defense attorneys and of the bias and proclivities of their favorite "expert" witnesses proved to be a key in insuring that the people could once more uphold their own community standards against the attacks of the nationwide pornography syndicates.

This was no small victory. They had a lot to lose and we congratulate Fort Wayne on a successful "day in court".

Citizens Press for Cable Porn Law

Concerned about pornographic movies and sex shows on cable TV, citizens of Escondido, California, testified at a hearing held by the City Council in late July. Led by the Reverend Billy Falling, a petition signed by forty-nine religious leaders in that city in north San Diego County was presented to the council. CDL's Ernie Schulzke presented legal arguments in support of the proposed ordinance.

Unfortunately the mayor and council had their minds made up not to approve the ordinance even before the hearing. The tragedy is that the U.S. Supreme Court has given the communities of this nation both

the right and the language with which to regulate "indecent" and "patently offensive" programming. By ignoring this fact, the Escondido city council opened wide the door to the pornographers.

But the Reverend Falling was in good spirits. With characteristic vigor, he declared that the battle has just begun.

We at CDL wish the citizens of Escondido every success, and stand ready to assist. After all, the city belongs to the people — not the council.

CDL Represented at Sierra Madre Cable Hearings

Sierra Madre is a tiny community nestled against the mountains just east of Pasadena, California. It is a pleasant place. But it shares a problem common to many other communities these days — how to regulate cable television.

When the cable company signed its franchise agreement, the city fathers inserted a prohibition against X-rated materials. What the city fathers did not anticipate was how easily the pornographers can get around such a provision. They do it by getting the ratings changed from "X" to "R" even though the content of the movie remains substantially the same. Or they do it by showing unrated movies, which most pornographic movies are. So they simply abide by the letter of the law, even when, as in the case of Sierra Madre, the franchisee Group W (Westinghouse) says it would like to abide by the intent of the agreement.

The problem is that Group W gets much of its material from sources which it claims it does not control. We would hope, however, that companies such as Westinghouse would begin to influence the industry suppliers in a favorable fashion.

Enter David Rickard and Fay Angus, concerned citizens of Sierra Madre. They set up a hearing before the city council which took place July 27th. Rickard and Mrs. Angus testified, as did CDL's Jim Clancy and Ernie Schulzke. The council listened attentively and politely. Media coverage was intense. KABC-TV, the leading news station in the Los Angeles area gave an extensive and favorable report. A KABC-TV commentator accurately voiced the concerns of the citizens of Sierra Madre, and the challenge to its city council.

This hearing was a preliminary step to express concern. No action was anticipated. Nor was any taken. Further meetings with City Council members are planned. David Rickard and Fay Angus and other citizens of that fine community are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort.

THE LESSON FOR ALL COMMUNITIES IS CLEAR:

Prohibitions against X-rated or R-rated showings are not enough. The movie ratings are made by a handful of people over whom none of us has control. Nor are they responsible to anyone that matters. And their tastes probably do not reflect the tastes of most communities throughout this nation.

THE ONLY DEFENSE IS AN EXPLICIT PROHIBITION AGAINST "INDECENT" MATERIAL (explicit sex or nudity which is patently offensive to community standards) -language used by the United States Supreme Court in **FCC v. Pacifica**, (see July-August NDR). Contact CDL for a model ordinance which we believe will withstand Constitutional muster.

CDL Chapter Update

As you well know, the fight against pornography is a never-ending battle. Soldiers in the field come and go. We at the National CDL headquarters are in the process of updating our files, so that we may offer better assistance and have more effective communication with local citizen groups. It is imperative that our records contain accurate information so that we can more economically get the job completed. Therefore, we have formulated a simple-to-answer questionnaire to help us identify which groups are currently active. Also included are questions concerning how the Na-

tional CDL can more efficiently serve local citizen groups, what a group may consider to be the most effective anti-porn tactics, and whether or not a group is incorporated in their state. This questionnaire was sent out to anyone who has formerly been associated with an anti-pornography group or CDL chapter. If there is any group who has not received one of these questionnaires, please send inquiries to: Citizens for Decency through Law Attn: Chapter Co-ordinator 2331 W. Royal Palm Road Suite #105 Phoenix, AZ 85021 It is our goal to establish an accurate network chain of all anti-pornography groups in each state, thereby providing more strength and unity to local citizen groups.

Conference Manual Available

Copies of the Conference Manual are available from CDL at a cost of \$25.00 per copy. Please send check or money order to: Citizens for Decency through Law 2331 W. Royal Palm Road, Suite 105 Phoenix, Arizona 85021 The manual was prepared for conference participants. In its preparation it was anticipated that numerous persons who did not attend the conference would want manuals. We believe that anyone who has an interest in the obscenity battle will find the manual materials helpful.

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Questions and answers concerning CDL and its efforts to free
America from the grip of the commercial pornographers.

**“The hottest places in hell
are reserved for those who,
in a time of great moral crisis,
maintain their neutrality.”**

—Dante



1. What is Citizens for Decency through Law?

CDL is a public, non-profit, non-denominational group which was established in 1957 by Charles H Keating, Jr. to seek strict enforcement of the existing obscenity laws. Then known as Citizens for Decent Literature, the organization has worked untiringly to seek the arrest and prosecution of those who violate the nation's obscenity laws for their personal profit. CDL is the most nationally-effective organization standing in the way of the flood-tide of filth which the smut merchants have unleashed on this country, its citizens, and its children.

2. Why is there a need for such an organization?

Pornography is big business. It is enormously big business, with enormous profits. The pornographers have long been willing to purvey their illegal "trade" and take their chances on being caught. They have built legal defense funds amounting to millions of dollars with which they hire full-time legal experts to defend them in long, drawn-out court battles. Some pursue their fight clear to the United States Supreme Court, because they have been able to continue operating, and profiting, all during the time when their cases are on appeal. Such appeals may take years. Some have avoided conviction at the trial court level by matching their batteries of highly-paid, expert attorneys against the undermanned and inexperienced staff of the local prosecutor. These prosecutors and their assistants cannot be expected to know all of the intricacies of the obscenity

law, and they are not infrequently defeated in court battles by veteran defense attorneys hired by the pornographer's legal defense fund.

CDL provides experienced attorneys to assist these local prosecutors. The CDL legal group helps the prosecutors to gather evidence and to prepare their cases, and our representatives may even appear in court on the side of the prosecutor and his staff. The CDL staff is well-prepared to carry the fight with the smut merchants into the chambers of the United States Supreme Court, and has done so on numerous occasions.

3. Who are these legal experts on CDL staff?

CDL's legal staff is made up of lawyers and former prosecutors with vast experience in obscenity cases and First Amendment law. The attorneys affiliated with CDL have held such positions as head of the Obscenity Prosecutions Unit of the L.A. District Attorney's Office; Special Prosecutor for Obscenity Cases for the City of Cleveland; Assistant United States Attorneys; Professors of Law; Counsel to the Legislature; and senior partners of private law firms. Our attorneys are recognized as being among the foremost authorities in the country on obscenity law and enforcement. Our staff initiated and developed the application of nuisance abatement principles to obscene materials. Amicus Curiae briefs filed by these attorneys in support of law enforcement are regularly accepted by the United States Supreme Court.

4. How can a central group of legal experts work with thousands of prosecutors?

In addition to direct, personal assistance in certain important cases, the CDL legal staff regularly prepares and mails comprehensive analyses of current developments in obscenity law to the nation's prosecutors. They also send out current legal briefs prepared by the staff, as well as suggestions on preparing and pursuing effective prosecutions. In addition, the legal staff originates new legal approaches to the problem of obscenity, and brings actions on behalf of CDL in order to test and perfect these approaches in court. Several of these cases have already reached the Supreme Court, with important and far-reaching results for the forces of decency.

Moreover, the CDL staff has perfected a technique to preserve evidence of the showing of obscene motion pictures, and has

made the details of this technique available to all the country's prosecutors and district attorneys. The procedure involves the use of a synchronized high-speed camera and sound-recording device which produces evidence which is admissible in court, and which prevents the theatre operator from "losing" the film or otherwise disposing of it before his court appearance. Full photographic evidence of these pornographic films are reproduced in the briefs which CDL prepares for the United States Supreme Court, to rebut any possible contention that the films in question have any "literary or scientific merit."



5. Give me examples of a few cases CDL has been involved in.

CDL has filed over fifty briefs with the Supreme Court since 1957, involving most of the major obscenity cases, including the 1973 landmark cases and the recent cases of *Larry Flynt v. Ohio* (1981 Hustler magazine case) and *New York v. Ferber* (1982 child porn case). These cases are part of a tradition of CDL support for law enforcement. CDL pioneered direct legal assistance by aiding local prosecutors in pending obscenity prosecutions and with civil suits filed by Charles Keating and CDL attorneys against the pornographers themselves. Two of the most important were *Ohio, ex rel. Keating v. Vixen* and *Huffman v. Pursue, Ltd.* The *Vixen* case helped establish the constitutionality of Ohio's obscenity laws, and provided states with clear limits on what conduct could be

regulated while gearing their obscenity statutes to current Supreme Court requirements. The second case involved a pornographic movie house which was charged as a public nuisance. CDL attorneys developed and championed the public nuisance approach, which permits a judge to close down the offending movie or theatre or "adult" bookstore, and to provide for a confiscation of the illegal profits. This would be far more effective than the fines or suspended jail sentences which often accompany convictions under criminal obscenity statutes. CDL helped the prosecutor to assemble and prosecute this key case, which presented the United States Supreme Court with an opportunity to rule favorably on the use of public nuisance-obscenity statutes throughout America.

It is worthwhile to mention also the case of *Paris Adult Theatre I v. Slayton*. This was one of the five key obscenity cases decided by the Supreme Court on June 21, 1973. These cases are the most important ever handed down by the Court in the area of obscenity and have cleared the way for vigorous local prosecutions of the smut merchants. CDL submitted an *amicus curiae* brief in support of the winning side in the *Paris Adult Theatre* case — the culmination of nearly sixteen-years of effort at the Supreme Court level for our legal staff. One defense attorney was quoted as saying that the Supreme Court's decision directly reflected the position espoused in CDL's brief.

6. I've heard that obscenity laws are in violation of the First Amendment.

In the nearly-200 years of its existence, the United States has never legalized pornography. Every decision of the United States Supreme Court, from its inception to the present, has said that pornography is *outside* of the protection of the First Amendment. In short, the First Amendment does not apply to obscenity. Those who claim First Amendment immunity for their degenerate wares are merely attempting to confuse the general public.

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7. But surely I have a right to read whatever I like — even if it's filth.

The Supreme Court has held that no one can be prosecuted just for possessing obscene books or films in his own home. However, no one has the right to transport, mail, sell, or import obscenity. State and federal laws proscribe the commercial exhibition, sale, broadcasting, and distribution of obscenity. They are directed at those who seek to profit by pandering to the base interest of people and, in particular, to the natural inquisitiveness of youth. All law abiding citizens must obey and support these statutes and if that means foregoing the right to have hard-core pornography, for the good of our children and neighbors, then we must do all we can to assist in carrying out those laws.

8. Are you opposed to sex education?

No, although we believe that such an important segment of human knowledge must be provided to our young people by those who love, understand, and respect the beauty of sex and the wholesomeness of the sexual act when performed as an act of love. The pornographers "teach" rape, sodomy, perversion, bestiality, torture, sadism, homosexuality, and sexual attacks on children. These constitute the usual and unvarying fare of pornographic books and movies. They are, in themselves, a complete perversion of sex and a vicious attack on womanhood and manhood.

9. Do you have "lists" of pornographic books and movies.?

We are not a censorship organization. We do not attempt to determine whether material is pornographic. We do not hold ourselves out as movie critics. We do not seek to impose our moral standards on others. We seek only the strict enforcement of existing obscenity laws under the guidelines established by the United States Supreme Court. Determinations of obscenity under the law are reserved to juries and judges. We are content to have these impartial bodies decide the issue of obscenity, as they decide every other legal issue which arises under our nation of laws.

10. Is CDL involved only in the legal area?

CDL has two objectives: to inform the public, and to demand enforcement of the law. In pursuing the first objective, we regularly publish the *National Decency Reporter* which is distributed six times a year. The *Reporter* provides our supporters with an overview of the pornography problem nationally, and of CDL's efforts to combat it.



It also regularly includes information to enable local groups to take effective steps to combat pornography in their own community.

CDL also provides speakers to interested organizations and is frequently represented on panels at leading universities, as well as talk shows, both local and national. The work of the organization is also featured in many national publications including feature articles in the *Reader's Digest*. One prominent CDL local unit has sponsored a Paperback Bookmobile, which visits the local schools on a regular basis and encourages good reading habits among the children by making available inexpensive paperback classics and other books geared to their ages and interests.

11. Who is Charles H Keating, Jr.?

Keating is the founder and guiding spirit of the CDL organization. He is the father of six children, a successful attorney, an prominent Phoenix businessman, and the recipient of numerous awards for his humanitarian work in the pursuit of the cause of decency. He was a member of the President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography and the author of a strong dissent to the recommendations of the Commission. Mr. Keating's position was adopted by the President and by the United States Senate, which rejected the

majority recommendation by a vote of 60-5.

Mr. Keating has never accepted any compensation for his work on behalf of CDL, in fact contributes regularly and heavily from his personal funds to support the work of the organization.

12. Does CDL need funds...and if so, what for?

Yes, we need and accept financial support from concerned citizens. CDL receives some major support from a few foundations, corporations, and benefactors. However, the sustaining bulk of our funds comes from the individual contributions of thousands of people from across the nation. The expenses of running an office, employing competent lawyers and staff personnel, paying travel expenses, and preparing materials and briefs for distribution are significant and amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars every year. Without these dedicated persons and the expenses needed to make their work available to law enforcement and local communities in every state, CDL will not be able to effectively counter the organized pornography syndicates supplying hard-core pornography to the hundreds of "adult" bookstores and theatres in every state of the Union.

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13. Are contributions to CDL tax-deductible?

Yes, contributions to Citizens for Decency through Law are tax-deductible as a charitable gift. CDL has been classified as a Section 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code.

14. What active part can I take in combating pornography in my community?

Write to CDL, 2331 West Royal Palm Road, Suite 105, Phoenix, Arizona 85021. Ask us for our information package on **How To Start An Anti-Pornography Drive in Your Community**. It contains the information needed to establish an effective chapter of CDL, and to **GET RESULTS**.

If you do not feel that you have the current capacity for organizing a chapter, then take the time to write your local prosecutor, to the local newspaper, and to the judges and police officials in your com-

munity to express your concern for the situation. Take time to find out what is playing at your neighborhood theatres — what is being sold in your local newsstands and drugstores. Talk to your friends, talk to the merchants, take a stand on behalf of decency. Remember the words of Dante:

“The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in a time of great moral crisis, maintain their neutrality.”



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Charles H Keating, Jr., founder
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The Honorable Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
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Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I am enclosing to you our letter to President Reagan and the second installment of petitions concerning federal enforcement. I am also enclosing a copy of my letters of transmittal to the President along with the Attorney General's letter of October 4th for your files. We still have a big job in urging the federal authorities and the Department of Justice to increase enforcement against the pornography industry.

I wish to thank you for kind assistance in this regard, and please let us know if there is anything further we can do to assist you in your work.

Very truly yours,

Bruce A. Taylor
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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
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Dear President Reagan:

In order to continue informing you of the concern being expressed in having the F.B.I., Customs, and Postal Service increase federal prosecutions, we are transmitting an additional 6,502 signatures on our petition. These were gathered in November to accompany the 2,563 we sent you in October bringing the total to 9,065. These signatures were gathered by our supporters nationwide without a formal petition drive in effect. Each circulator merely asked immediate friends and associates. It is obvious, therefore, that had door-to-door and shopping center circulation been made, the number of signatures would be limitless.

We are pleased that the Attorney General clarified the federal policies on obscenity prosecutions in his memorandum of October 4, 1982. It is a help that local U.S. attorneys who wish to do so may bring pornography cases. However, as the F.B.I. and major city police have stated, a consistent state and federal practice of enforcement against the regular adult pornography industry is needed to achieve results against this threat of pornography, the influence of organized crime and the drug industry, and traffic in child pornography.

Please don't let current events, the economy, and the media discourage you. Your attempts have already created hope for us that the Supreme Court and the federal government will take a stronger turn toward law enforcement. We certainly need a change in that direction and need your help to see it happen.

Very truly yours,

Bruce A. Taylor
Vice President-General Counsel

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Nov. 13, 1982

The Hon. William French Smith
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Attn: Ass't Attorney General Jonathan Rose

Dear Sir:

As a retired special agent of the FBI with some twenty years investigative experience in the obscenity-pornography field, I commend you for your forthright letter to all U.S. attorneys, dated Oct. 4, 1982, in which you clarified policy and encouraged, if not ordered, prosecution in pornography (obscenity) cases.

It has been my sad experience that since the MIPORN indictments of February, 1980, very little has been done by federal investigative agencies or by federal prosecutors in this highly organized field of criminal activity; ~~one~~ of the most lucrative of all underworld pursuits. Hopefully, things will now begin to change.

I wish to advise you, however, that since I first became aware of the publication of your letter of October 4, not one of the several federal investigative officers with whom I have been in contact had any knowledge of that letter until they were so informed by me. It would therefore appear that it is urgently required that the heads of the FBI, US Postal Service and US Customs instruct their people in the various field offices as to the existence and contents of your letter. I suspect it would be unlikely that all or even most of the many US attorneys would make it a point to contact the responsible investigative agencies in their areas to inform them of your letter; thereby seeking additional presentations of obscenity violations. Admittedly, I as yet have not contacted U.S. Attorney Stanley Marcus, Miami, in this regard.

Only yesterday, at a MIPORN hearing in Miami, one of the nation's leading pornography defense attorneys told me that it might be well for him and his colleagues to move into another field of criminal defense work, because in his opinion, within two years, there would be no obscenity prosecutions for them to defend. That should never be permitted to occur in this country. At present obscenity is available widely. In some locales it is tolerated. As a nation under God and law, we cannot allow obscenity to become accepted.

Most sincerely,

William P. Kelly
FBI, retired.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All United States Attorneys

FROM: William French Smith *WFS*
Attorney General

SUBJECT: Enforcement of Anti-Pornography Laws

(✓ President Reagan has recently stated his alarm and concern over the spread of pornography, and his determination to ensure that we effectively enforce the federal laws against trafficking in pornography. Pornography is indeed a growing problem, but it is a problem before which law enforcement officials are not helpless, as demonstrated by the success of the Department's MIPORN operation.) Accordingly, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the Department's enforcement policy in pornography cases, and to encourage their prosecution.

The U.S. Attorneys' Manual states: "Prosecutive priority should be given to cases involving large-scale distributors who realize substantial income from multi-state operations and cases in which there is evidence of involvement by known organized crime figures," and "[s]pecial priority should be given to cases involving the use of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct" § 9-75.140 (emphasis added). This passage also states that prosecution of those cases not in one of the three priority areas may nonetheless have a deterrent effect and be appropriate when especially offensive material or numerous citizen complaints are involved. Id.

X The Manual also states, of course, that the "Federal role in prosecuting obscenity cases is to focus upon the major producers and interstate distributors of pornography while leaving to local jurisdictions the responsibility of dealing with local exhibitions and sales." § 9-75.130. But this section goes on to recognize that the U.S. Attorney in an area may often have greater expertise and more money than his local counterpart, and that "[i]n these circumstances the United States may provide assistance through prosecutive efforts not falling precisely within the above guidelines."

✓ Thus, where large volume dealers, organized crime, or child pornography is involved, the U.S. Attorney should aggressively prosecute. Even in other cases, he may prosecute where pornography is a significant problem in an area, and should certainly ~~lend any necessary assistance where local efforts are being made.~~ While the impact of pornography may be primarily "local," its successful prosecution calls increasingly for interstate efforts and coordination which only federal officials may be able to provide. Similarly, where the district's Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee identifies pornography as an area requiring federal support, our assistance to local enforcement efforts may and should be provided, even if the dealers are not in the three "priority" categories.

✓ While pornography is not a problem that can be solved by federal efforts alone, it is a matter of prime concern and we must enforce vigorously the existing federal anti-pornography laws, particularly in the priority areas discussed above and in those communities where it has been identified as a major law enforcement problem,

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President Petitioned to Review Policy on Federal Obscenity Prosecutions

The White House



A formal procedure is underway to make the President aware of the lack of federal enforcement of the existing obscenity statutes and to request him to direct the Department of Justice to change its restrictive policies in order to allow the 95 U.S. Attorneys, the FBI, Customs, and the Postal Inspectors to investigate and prosecute the multi-million dollar traffic in pornography.

The first step in the protocol was a meeting at the White House Old Executive Office Building on July 27, 1982. Fifty representatives of numerous public service groups, media and religious organizations, corporations, and research and legal foundations were invited by Mr. Morton Blackwell, Special Assistant to the President for Public Liason. Representatives of the Justice Department, FBI, Customs, the Postal Service, and several members of the President's staff were present.

Father Morton Hill, founder and President of Morality in Media, moderated the meeting and set the agenda for the discussions. He introduced a panel of veteran professionals who have been active in obscenity law enforcement to give their opinion to the assembled group and Administration officials on the scope of the problem and some practical solutions. Dr. Victor Cline, a psychologist and expert prosecution witness, reminded all that pornography has pathological effects on its viewers and contributes to abuse and sex crimes. Mr. Homer Young was one of the FBI's top organized crime and obscenity investigators for thirty years and made the statement that the federal agencies could break down the pornography syndicates in eighteen months with a serious effort. Mr. Larry Parrish, former Assistant U.S. Attorney in Memphis, described how the FBI uncovered the national conspiracy to make and distribute "Deep Throat" and how his office obtained federal convictions against the major figures involved. His success was the biggest federal case prior to MIPORN and shows that the legal battle can be won. Mr. Paul McGeady, General Counsel of Morality in Media and a knowledgeable expert on obscenity cases and statutes, exposed the Justice Department's written policy of forbidding the federal agencies and prosecutors from bringing any cases unless child porn or organized crime leaders are directly involved. This means that hard-core pornography is being imported, mailed, and shipped between states

without interference by the federal government. Mr. McGeady gave the figures for the number of cases under the federal obscenity laws in recent years: In 1978, only two dozen convictions were obtained in the whole country, 13 of which were child porn. In 1979 and 1980, one dozen pornographers were convicted and eight child pornographers nationwide. In 1981, nine child porn and nine major pornography defendants were convicted. The porn distributors convicted in the last two years were basically involved in only two cases, one in Boston and the MIPORN cases in Miami. To say that only 32 pornographers involved in the billion dollar national porn market were convicted in the last four and half years by federal prosecutors is proof that the federal government's inaction has given the green light to the hard-core obscenity industry in America. The only thing that is holding the line at all is the effort of state and local authorities, where the vast majority of obscenity prosecutions are taking place.

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Regional Obscenity Conference

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Sept. 16 and 17, 1982
Details inside.

CDL's General Counsel, Bruce Taylor, presented intelligence information from the FBI and Justice Department's own reports, backed up by reports by the police departments of most of America's big cities, that organized crime figures are involved with the "adult" porn syndicates. It was pointed out from experience that the change in the problem from a few hard-core outlets in big city back alleys ten years ago to "adult" bookstores and theaters and live sex shows in nearly every city, suburb, and town in every state today prove the result of the federal government's "hands off" policy. The problem is now too big for local cities to control alone. The federal government must assist in a nationwide effort by all the law enforcement agencies to stop this powerful porn industry and prevent the further growth of porn, prostitution, drugs, loansharking, bribery, and violence which has resulted from this situation.

Distinguished representatives next were called upon to state the concerns of their organizations, congregations, constituents, and supporters over the explosion of pornography and the need for decisive action.

Representing the Justice Department, Mr. Jonathan Rose, Assistant Attorney General, promised that the message of the meeting would be taken back to the Honorable William French Smith, United States Attorney General, and further promised that the policies of the Justice Department relating to obscenity cases would be reviewed.

In order to support the good intentions of the present Justice Department, the participants made a motion that a meeting with President Reagan and Attorney General Smith be arranged. A resolution was made to take the concerns of the members, and a Statement signed by all present, directly to the President so he will know

without a question how serious the problem has become, and that he must direct the Department of Justice, the FBI, the Postal Inspectors, and the Customs Agents to stop the importing, interstate shipment, mailing, and broadcasting of hard core obscenity.

The next step in the protocol procedure is for the White House staff to submit the results of this Meeting to the President's Advisory Council on Legal Policy, which in turn will make a recommendation to the President. The President will then consider the matter and make a decision.

The decision sought by the Meeting was to have the Attorney General direct the Justice Department to allow approval of prosecutions by the U.S. Attorneys and Strike Forces on violations of all federal obscenity statutes. Restricting approval only to child porn, organized crime or major distributors leaves thousands of violations of the mails, customs, and ITOM (Interstate Transportation of Obscene Material) statutes. It is hoped that U.S. Attorneys who wish to proceed against local pornographers and distributors, or individual schemes involving hard-core pornography or particularly offensive materials, would deter violations by the vast number of less powerful pornographers and their associates and conspirators. A change in the policy to subject all pornographers to possible actions would remove the ability and willingness of pornographers to make, distribute, and show hard-core materials without fear of prosecution anywhere in the country as long as they don't get caught with "kiddie" porn. The change in policy would be its own deterrent and would free the hands of those agents, inspectors, and investigators who uncover violations

that their local U.S. Attorney wishes to prosecute. We need this involvement by the federal government. Their strength and leadership will bolster the efforts of city police and prosecutors and put the fear of the law back into this blatantly criminal industry. CDL will work hard to assist the government in any efforts undertaken and only the best could come from such a change in federal policy.

Petition the President

The following page is a petition addressed to the President of the United States. The petition reflects the Statement of the Meeting in Washington, D.C.

We are asking our subscribers to remove or copy the petition and circulate it in your community. It would be important to obtain the signatures from your community leaders; Mayor and council, law enforcement personnel, civic leaders, church leaders and members, the business community, and your neighbors.

After you have obtained all the signatures you can, send it back to us and we will forward the petitions to President Reagan.



Send completed petitions to:
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Petition to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States

WHEREAS, the proliferation of obscenity in the United States has reached a level of national concern and is directly affecting the quality of life, the moral fabric of the country, and the right and obligation of the government to maintain a decent society, and

WHEREAS, it has become increasingly apparent that enforcement of existing federal obscenity laws during the previous years has been wholly inadequate, and

WHEREAS, federal law enforcement with respect to such laws must be made more aggressive and effective,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the United States be requested to publicly indicate that prosecution of the federal laws relating to the Mailing, Importing, Broadcasting and Interstate Transportation of Obscenity is to him a matter of utmost importance, and to direct the Attorney General to issue instructions to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and all United States Attorneys to make this matter of prime concern.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that such instructions authorize and encourage all United States Attorneys to institute criminal proceedings of violations of such laws brought to their attention by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Postal Service and United States Customs.

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AFAA Targets CDL

CDL was described as a serious threat to the porn industry at the annual convention of the Adult Film Association of America in New York. The AFAA is made up of the nation's hard and soft core pornography producers — the porn industry's attempt to act criminally but look legitimate. Two articles exposed the platform and concerns of the convention and show the brazen confidence with which the pornographers conspire to violate federal, state, and local obscenity laws.

Michael Gallagher of the U.S. Catholic Conference Department of Communication wrote an article for **The Tidings** paper in Los Angeles entitled, "Adult' Films Going Straight Into Homes via Cable" on May 21, 1982, in which he stated:

THE FIVE-MEMBER AFAA Legal Advisory Board, which includes "some of the foremost First Amendment attorneys nationwide" (names available on request), took up the problems of film piracy - they're going to set up a piracy hotline - and the even more vexing problem of doing battle with the Citizens for Decency through Law, who seem to have no respect for the right of these honest tradesmen to earn a decent living through the distribution of their wares.

The entertainment industry trade paper, **Variety**, ran a story on March 10, 1982, entitled "Adult Pix Eye Cable Boom, Legal Gloom," which quoted several of the AFAA's lawyers who were complaining of the increasing numbers of zoning and public nuisance laws, and the success of prosecutions in eliminating porn books and movies from Atlanta and Jacksonville.

Variety also exposed the porn syndicates' efforts to capture a "broadening market base in homevideo and cable TV" with a "higher grade" soft-porn product. The AFAA also announced plans for an "attorneys hotline", and a "War Chest" to oppose CDL and support political candidates and legislation in favor of legitimizing pornography. It was obvious that the AFAA did not appreciate the works of CDL, as stated in the article:

"Five years ago, you could still depend on the ignorance and inexperience of local prosecutors to win you cases," attorney Robert Smith told a lunchtime legal seminar, arguing that privately financed computer banks and traveling batteries of attorneys from the moral watchdog group Citizens for Decency through Law have reversed that situation in a big way. Hence, the move to form an organized lobbying and legal info body, which in a sense would become the adult film biz's battling counterpart to the CDL.

Let's hope we can continue to have this effect on the porn producers and their traveling group of defense lawyers. However, we now know it's going to be serious business and the enemy has armored itself for major offensives.

Pornography Kills

It is called "autoerotic asphyxia". The Coroner of the State of New York says that deaths attributed to it are increasing.

What is it? It is an accidental death, not suicide. It is a type of masochism where masturbation is practiced while hanging oneself "almost" to the point of blackout.

There are many pornographic magazines which describe how the act is to be performed. However, pornographers don't mention that only 4.4 pounds of pressure on the carotid artery for 8 seconds will cause a person to involuntarily submit to unconsciousness. Once unconscious, the person can't stand up, and will die unless someone releases the pressure immediately.

Robert Davis, a 13-year-old youth from upstate New York, died last month. His body was found hanging from a tree in a wooded area near his home. According to newspaper accounts, the local sheriff stated that the boy died experimenting with bondage positions which were depicted in **Penthouse**, **Hustler** and **Playboy**. The sheriff stated that several of these magazines were strewn around the body.

Two other youths, one 13 and one 12, died in the same manner and in the same general location within the last six months. We know of similar deaths in Michigan, California, and other places.

What a waste. What would have happened had those "magazines" not been available? Is the money and wealth gained from the sale of such filth worth the lives of these children and the many others we never hear about?

Supreme Court Upholds Child Porn Laws

In its most important decision for children in its history, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the New York child porn statute. On July 2nd, the Court decided **New York v. Ferber**, and held that the law could prohibit the distribution of films and photographs of minors engaging in sexual conduct or lewd exhibition of the genitals. This was a major departure from "adult" pornography cases in that the Court said such depictions of child sex did not have to be proven legally obscene under its three-part "Miller Test".

The briefs filed with the Court were exceptional. The Court accepted the positions of the N.Y. District Attorney and Father Ritter's Covenant House that only the strongest deterrent possible can help stop the devastating psychological and physical results on the children, and the legal argument of Charles Keating and CDL that child porn is so vile that it is "obscene per se" and utterly without First Amendment protection.

Laws banning outright all pornographic photos of children exist in 19 states besides New York. The federal statutes and many other states ban only "obscene" child pornography. These laws should be changed to adopt the New York model and also provide a separate and higher felony penalty where the child porn is also "obscene". The Court's opinion identifies the laws of all the states and is published in Volume 50 of U.S. Law Week, page 5077, available in most libraries and law libraries or CDL will gladly supply a copy on request.

CDL Testifies Before New York Crime Commission

The New York Select Committee on Crime heard testimony July 26 and 27th from law enforcement officers into the problems and solutions associated with child pornography and sexual exploitation, with emphasis on organized crime and on the growing use of young boys in prostitution and pornography.

The witness list is an impressive array of seasoned veterans with first hand knowledge of these monstrous problems. Testifying on the influence of organized crime and Mafia figures on the porn and sex industries were Det. Carl Shoffler and Det. Anne Fisher of the Organized Crime Branch of the Metropolitan Police of Washington, D.C.. Det. Shoffler is one of the

most knowledgeable officers in the country on organized crime's involvement with pornography production and distribution and coordinates a nationwide clearinghouse of intelligence information for the police departments of most of America's metropolitan cities. CDL's Bruce Taylor also testified on the involvement of organized crime and on the structure and inter-connections within the nationwide pornography syndicates. Taylor also presented specific proposals for strengthening New York's obscenity and child porn statutes and gave advice on prosecution tactics for controlling the porn and child abuse problem. It is Taylor's opinion that to effectively deter the use of children, law enforcement must continue to prosecute the "adult" porn figures and prostitution at all levels. Only through concentrated state and federal enforcement can the flow of funds and market for new "talent" be prevented from spilling from narcotics, gambling, bribery, prostitution, and pornography onto child porn and child slavery and prostitution.

An undercover investigator also told how Mafia-run call-boy services in New York and D.C. have sold information on political and business "clients" to foreign intelligence agencies, including the Soviets. The Committee also heard from the New York City Police, U.S. Customs, and prosecutors from local county and city offices on the investigative and judicial problems in enforcing the existing statutes. Also testifying were Sgt. Tom Rogers of the Indianapolis Police Department, a recognized expert on the nationwide problems of child pornography and child prostitution, and from Dr. Samuel Janus, a psychotherapist with experience and knowledge on child sexual abuse and author of **The Death of Innocence**.

The Crime Commission is made up of State Senators Marino, Bernstein, Johnson, and Babbush. Jeremiah McKenna is the Committee's General Counsel. This Committee is probably the foremost investigative crime commission in the country and has become a preeminent source of information on criminal conduct, reform of criminal laws, and on organized crime and foreign influences.

Regional Obscenity Conference to be held in Pittsburgh

On September 16th and 17th, a Regional Obscenity Conference is being held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Conference is being sponsored by the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Pornography. CDL's legal counsel Faye Gardner has been working closely with the sponsor leaders to help make the Conference the most informative event for community and governmental leaders since the National Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, last year.

On Thursday evening, September 16th, Father Bruce Ritter, the Director of Covenant House in New York City, is scheduled to give a major address to the Conference. Covenant House is a licensed, non-profit child care agency which specializes in helping the sexually abused teenage runaways who have been exploited by New York City's sex industry and was instrumental in the landmark decision by the United States Supreme Court in the child pornography case against Ira Ferber in New York.

On Friday, September 17th, workshops will be conducted in the morning, the afternoon, and for those unable to attend the day sessions, an evening session. The numerous workshop topics are separately directed toward citizens, law enforcement officials, and legislators. The faculty will include such nationally recognized experts as David H. Blutworth, State Attorney of Florida, who successfully used the Florida RICO statute against the organized criminal activity of the pornographers; George Weaver, Assistant Solicitor General of Atlanta, Georgia, who assisted in prosecuting and closing all the Atlanta pornography outlets, and Dr. Blaine McLaughlin, Senior Psychiatrist of The Psychiatric Institute of Fort Worth, Texas, who is an authority on the harmful effects of pornography.

The Conference fee is only \$15.00 for both day sessions. The evening session fee is only \$5.00.

If you would like more information about attending the Conference, please call the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation at (412) 281-3752 or write the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Pornography, P.O. Box 14510, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15234.

Hope to see you there.

Pre-Conference Activities in Pittsburgh

In June, the Pittsburgh Press Club was the site of two important meetings to lay the foundation for the September Regional Obscenity Conference. On June 17th, religious leaders from throughout Western Pennsylvania met to hear Marvin Fein, Assistant City Solicitor of Pittsburgh, and CDL's legal counsel Faye Gardner to discuss what they could do to support the September Conference and the fight against sexual exploitation. Mr. Fein spoke about his successes using Pittsburgh's

public Nuisance ordinance against pornography outlets. Mrs. Gardner's speech included information on the control by organized crime of the pornography industry nationwide and the importance of taking action in Pennsylvania to combat the sexual victimization that is pornography.

Present at a meeting on June 18th were prominent businessmen from major corporations headquartered in Pittsburgh, and public officials such as prosecutors and legislators. They heard speeches by Mr. Fein, Mrs. Gardner, and Donald Lewis, the District Attorney for Crawford County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Lewis talked about his successful efforts in prosecuting the pornographers in Crawford County. The meeting attendees, with suggestions from the speakers, discussed what their role should be in assisting their local law enforcement agencies.

CDL applauds these public spirited individuals for their sense of community and their efforts to work together in combating the harms flowing from the pornography industry.

Fort Wayne Wins Major Trial

In what is becoming a major defensive tactic of the porn industry, Fort Wayne, Indiana, was the site of a recent obscenity trial where experienced attorneys from other states and hired "sexologists" tried to overwhelm local communities and frustrate law enforcement. The effort failed for the pornographers on July 15th when the jury returned a Verdict of Guilty of distributing an obscene film, "Cruising". The two day trial involving the male homosexual film sold to an undercover police officer was an expensive and desperate attempt to reverse the series of convictions gathered in the County Court over

the past two years. Deputy Prosecutor Mark Chambers and CDL's Bruce Taylor were opposed by Baltimore defense lawyer Burton Sandler, his assistants, and a local Fort Wayne defense attorney. (Previous trials were defended by the office of Atlanta porn attorney Robert Eugene Smith who is an advisor to the Adult Film Association and an active lawyer for the porn industry nationwide.)

Crucial to the defense was the request by Mr. Sandler to have the film judged by the standards of the homosexual community, rather than the adult community as a whole. Veteran Judge Robert Meyers rejected this request and had the jurors apply the standards of Allen County's whole population. The jury could understand their own community standards and said the hard-core sodomy film was obscene under Indiana law.

The "battle of experts" was an important part of the defense strategy, but advance preparation by the prosecutors prevented the impact the pornographers hoped for. Three self-proclaimed "sexologists" from San Francisco, Theodore McIlvanna, Wardell Pomeroy, and Loretta Haroian, tried to convince the jury that pornographic films are normal and contribute to healthy sexual attitudes, even in homosexuals. At their own Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality, these three people view, make, and store hundreds of hard-core porn films and books and grant themselves and others their "degree" of "Doctor of Sexology". The Hedonistic philosophy these people gave to the jury was admirably rebutted by Dr. James Spink, a psychologist with the Family Counseling Clinic who was called by the prosecutors to testify. This was his first obscenity trial and his testimony was unknown to the State as well as the defense.

However, trusting in the decency and common sense of a dedicated professional with academic credentials of the highest level from some of the best universities in America and abroad proved to be the bombshell that destroyed the enemy. Dr. Spink refuted the anything-goes evidence of the porn-biased sexologists and told the jury the truth: that porn does appeal to a prurient interest and is harmful to stable sexual and family relationships. He stressed respect for people as human beings, rather than as pieces of meat, and the jury obviously agreed with him.

This trial proves the need and worth of CDL's experience and assistance. The familiarity of our lawyers with the defense tactics of these travelling defense attorneys and of the bias and proclivities of their favorite "expert" witnesses proved to be a key in insuring that the people could once more uphold their own community standards against the attacks of the nationwide pornography syndicates.

This was no small victory. They had a lot to lose and we congratulate Fort Wayne on a successful "day in court".

Citizens Press for Cable Porn Law

Concerned about pornographic movies and sex shows on cable TV, citizens of Escondido, California, testified at a hearing held by the City Council in late July. Led by the Reverend Billy Falling, a petition signed by forty-nine religious leaders in that city in north San Diego County was presented to the council. CDL's Ernie Schulzke presented legal arguments in support of the proposed ordinance.

Unfortunately the mayor and council had their minds made up not to approve the ordinance even before the hearing. The tragedy is that the U.S. Supreme Court has given the communities of this nation both

the right and the language with which to regulate "indecent" and "patently offensive" programming. By ignoring this fact, the Escondido city council opened wide the door to the pornographers.

But the Reverend Falling was in good spirits. With characteristic vigor, he declared that the battle has just begun.

We at CDL wish the citizens of Escondido every success, and stand ready to assist. After all, the city belongs to the people — not the council.

CDL Represented at Sierra Madre Cable Hearings

Sierra Madre is a tiny community nestled against the mountains just east of Pasadena, California. It is a pleasant place. But it shares a problem common to many other communities these days — how to regulate cable television.

When the cable company signed its franchise agreement, the city fathers inserted a prohibition against X-rated materials. What the city fathers did not anticipate was how easily the pornographers can get around such a provision. They do it by getting the ratings changed from "X" to "R" even though the content of the movie remains substantially the same. Or they do it by showing unrated movies, which most pornographic movies are. So they simply abide by the letter of the law, even when, as in the case of Sierra Madre, the franchisee Group W (Westinghouse) says it would like to abide by the intent of the agreement.

The problem is that Group W gets much of its material from sources which it claims it does not control. We would hope, however, that companies such as Westinghouse would begin to influence the industry suppliers in a favorable fashion.

Enter David Rickard and Fay Angus, concerned citizens of Sierra Madre. They set up a hearing before the city council which took place July 27th. Rickard and Mrs. Angus testified, as did CDL's Jim Clancy and Ernie Schulzke. The council listened attentively and politely. Media coverage was intense. KABC-TV, the leading news station in the Los Angeles area gave an extensive and favorable report. A KABC-TV commentator accurately voiced the concerns of the citizens of Sierra Madre, and the challenge to its city council.

This hearing was a preliminary step to express concern. No action was anticipated. Nor was any taken. Further meetings with City Council members are planned. David Rickard and Fay Angus and other citizens of that fine community are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort.

THE LESSON FOR ALL COMMUNITIES IS CLEAR:

Prohibitions against X-rated or R-rated showings are not enough. The movie ratings are made by a handful of people over whom none of us has control. Nor are they responsible to anyone that matters. And their tastes probably do not reflect the tastes of most communities throughout this nation.

THE ONLY DEFENSE IS AN EXPLICIT PROHIBITION AGAINST "INDECENT" MATERIAL

(explicit sex or nudity which is patently offensive to community standards) -language used by the United States Supreme Court in *FCC v. Pacifica*, (see July-August NDR). Contact CDL for a model ordinance which we believe will withstand Constitutional muster.

CDL Chapter Update

As you well know, the fight against pornography is a never-ending battle. Soldiers in the field come and go. We at the National CDL headquarters are in the process of updating our files, so that we may offer better assistance and have more effective communication with local citizen groups. It is imperative that our records contain accurate information so that we can more economically get the job completed.

Therefore, we have formulated a simple-to-answer questionnaire to help us identify which groups are currently active. Also included are questions concerning how the Na-

tional CDL can more efficiently serve local citizen groups, what a group may consider to be the most effective anti-porn tactics, and whether or not a group is incorporated in their state.

This questionnaire was sent out to anyone who has formerly been associated with an anti-pornography group or CDL chapter. If there is any group who has not received one of these questionnaires, please send inquiries to:

Citizens for Decency through Law
Attn: Chapter Co-ordinator
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It is our goal to establish an accurate network chain of all anti-pornography groups in each state, thereby providing more strength and unity to local citizen groups.

Conference Manual Available

Copies of the Conference Manual are available from CDL at a cost of \$25.00 per copy. Please send check or money order to:

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The manual was prepared for conference participants. In its preparation it was anticipated that numerous persons who did not attend the conference would want manuals. We believe that anyone who has an interest in the obscenity battle will find the manual materials helpful.

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Mr. Bruce Taylor
Citizens for Decency
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Dear Mr. Taylor:

There is, Ecclesiastes reminds us, a time to keep silent and a time to speak. On NBC recently a television program debased the Orthodox Church and in particular, the role of the Greek Orthodox Priest when he was projected in a most vulgar and objectionable manner. The plot depicts a couple who come to the Priest for counseling. The husband has committed adultery, but both are willing to reconcile and continue their life as husband and wife. What is repulsive and unacceptable is the fact that the role of the alleged Greek Orthodox Priest suggests that before reconciliation takes place, the wife "gets even" by herself committing adultery with a co-worker as did her husband.

The Orthodox Church and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America and Canada has written to NBC in New York in order to protest this abuse inflicted upon a minority Christian body whose rich spiritual heritage spans 2,000 years. We take issue with those who would say to the general public that the Orthodox Church takes lightly such vulgarity.

I am appealing to you as a person who I know is interested in stopping such indecencies. Programs like these do nothing to enhance the dignity, reverence and venerability of religion in America. It accomplishes the opposite; the mocking, the scorning, the deriding and the ridiculing of the faith of millions of Americans whatever their denominational affiliation.

I am sending you a copy of the telegram that millions of Orthodox sent to the chairman and the chief executive officer of NBC. You might want to use this sample for a similar telegram. In any event, thank you for taking the time to read this letter in consideration of sending a telegram to NBC which must assume full responsibility for such recklessness and lack of proper programming decor.

Sincerely, in His Name,

Fr. M. B. of Thira

Rev. Dr. Miltiades B. Efthymiou
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Grant Tinker
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Dear Mr. Tinker:

The episode of Taxi that aired Thursday, October 21, depicted an actor portraying an Orthodox Christian Priest in a derogatory, sacrilegious, false and misleading manner. The suggestion that any Priest, especially an Orthodox Priest, would desecrate the Sacrament of Confession by counseling a parishioner to commit adultery is blasphemous. This abomination was reinforced on the episode broadcast Thursday, October 28, with flashbacks of the previous week's epitome of bad taste. Reckless character assassination of Orthodox Priests has no place on network television, even on a situation comedy with its admittedly wide latitude in satirizing society. As one of the five million Orthodox Christians in the United States, I vigorously protest such religious bigotry. Repeated incidents of this reprehensible nature can only provoke more drastic measures, including the picketing of NBC Network- owned and operated stations as well as affiliates.



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Dear Rev. Efthimiou:

Thank you for your letter of November 5, 1982, concerning the NBC show Taxi. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Grant Tinker of NBC and a copy of the response I received from Robert O'Neil.

It is obvious that we all have much to do to turn things around. One of the possible solutions I see to the cable situation may be for the Congress to adopt the indecency standard of the FCC as reflected in 18 U.S.C. 1464 and make it applicable to cable as part of the economic deregulation contained in S. 2172 currently before the U.S. Senate. I think that the legitimate cable industry is using their unholy alliance with the pornographers as a way to generate short term cash flow solutions. However, the opportunity for long term and stable growth under a deregulation such as S. 2172 envisions is much more attractive financially for the cable industry and I feel the legitimate cable owners would give up the pornographers in exchange for the deregulation. Your thoughts on this issue would be appreciated and your support and influence with Congress would be important.

Best of luck in your continued work, and please remember us in your prayers.

Very truly yours,

Bruce A. Taylor
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Dear Mr. Tinker:

I would like to add our concern and objection to the type of programming represented by the October 21, 1982, episode of Taxi. Depicting a Greek Orthodox Christian priest as giving advice to commit adultery during the holy Sacrament of Confession is not only blasphemous to members of that Christian Church but is also an affront to the basic respect between men and women that we all are finding increasingly difficult to maintain in today's world.

Treating sex as a sport and a commodity, rather than an expression of love and commitment, is one of the primary reasons for the widespread occurrences of adultery, divorce, single parent households, and abandoned children. Such depiction of a priest's advice may also mislead members of the public which do not belong to this particular church into believing that this church in fact condones such advice and the adultery that was recommended. If the same kind of misstatement were made about an individual person, it would be libel and slander, and such portrayals are a similar injustice and dishonesty to this Church in particular and all religions in general.

Television has become a major force in American life, which we all enjoy, however, as television becomes more crass, misleading, dishonest, and just plain corny, you may find that the attractiveness of the medium is economically damaged by the repulsiveness of the message. You are in a position to influence a new renaissance in American television. The continued dominance of network television over cable may indeed depend upon higher standards and quality. Please consider these remarks and rest assured that most people would appreciate some efforts to improve television broadcasting.

Very truly yours,

Bruce A. Taylor
Vice President-General Counsel

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Robert O'Neil
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January 3, 1983

Mr. Bruce Taylor
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Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your comments about a recent two-part episode of "Taxi" dealing with marital infidelity. We regret your mistaken impression that an Orthodox Christian priest was portrayed on these programs. It is not so.

As regular viewers of "Taxi" know, the characters "Latka," "Simka" and "Father Gorky" are immigrants from a nonexistent foreign country, a place whose language, geography, customs and beliefs have been totally fabricated for comic purposes.

We assure you that neither the producers of "Taxi" nor NBC intended to refer to any real religion. The dress and behavior of "Father Gorky" were carefully devised to ensure against any such identification.

We believe most viewers took the comedy in a harmless spirit of fun, as intended. Still, we regret any misunderstanding and thank you for permitting us to present our views on this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert O'Neil

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